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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/8/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-123.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 May 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20040802.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Janofsky on 8/4/04.
2. Please amend the following claims:

**Referring to claim 61:** A program ~~for execution~~ executing by a device for performing a method of transmitting and receiving signals between first and second hardware components, the program comprising instructions for:

- transmitting a data gate signal;
- transmitting or receiving data under control of the data gate signal;
- transmitting a media gate signal; and
- transmitting mode selection information under control of the media gate signal, wherein said data gate signal controls the transfer of data between the first and second hardware components and wherein data is transferred between a storage media and the second hardware component in accordance with the media gate signal.

**Referring to claim 66:** A program ~~for execution~~ executing by a device for performing a method of transmitting and receiving signals between first and second hardware components, the program comprising instructions for:

- Receiving a data gate signal;
- transmitting or receiving data under control of the data gate signal;
- transmitting a media gate signal; and

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receiving mode selection information under control of the media gate signal, wherein said data gate signal controls the transfer of data between the first and second hardware components and wherein data is transferred between a storage media and the second hardware component in accordance with the media gate signal.

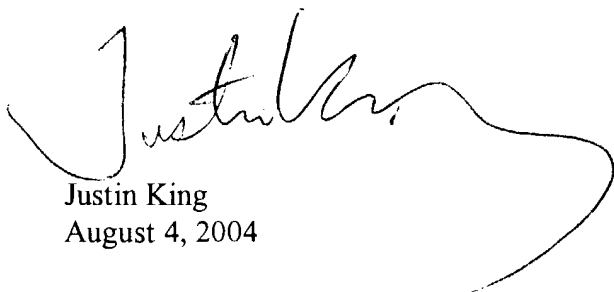
**Referring to claim 71:** A program ~~for execution~~ executing by a device for performing a method of transmitting and receiving signals between first and second hardware components, the program comprising instructions for:

transmitting or receiving a data gate signal;

transmitting or receiving data under control of the data gate signal;

transmitting and receiving a media gate signal; and

transmitting and receiving mode selection information under control of the media gate signal, wherein said data gate signal controls the transfer of data between the first and second hardware components and wherein data is transferred between a storage media and the second hardware component in accordance with the media gate signal.



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